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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.
Hongkong, December 7, 1887. 2380

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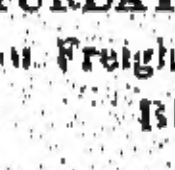
FOR SINGAPORE AND LOND'N.

The British Steamer
Benvenue,
Capt. THOMSON, will be
despatched on the above on
or about **FRIDAY, the 10th Instant.**

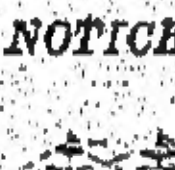
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2412

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON ^{via} SUEZ CANAL.
The Co's Steamship

 **Prism,** will be despatched as above on **SATURDAY, the 17th Instant.**
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2414

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT.

 The Departure of the
Co.'s Steamship
Djinnah
Commandant **VAGUIER,**
for **SHANGHAI** and **JAPAN** is unavoidably **POSTPONED.**
Another Notice will give the time appointed for her leaving.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2413

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Sutlej
will leave for the above
places about 24 hours after her arrival with
the outward English Mail.
E. L. WOODIN.

Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 9, 1887. 2388

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-
SAKI AND KOBE
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

This P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship *Thetis*
will leave for the above
places on **THURSDAY**, (22nd December) at
Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 9, 1887. 2389

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Gray Messenger
Canton, China, will be
despatched for the above
Port on or about the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to:
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1887. 2390

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 ¹/₂ British Barque
Dandaceira,
 ADDRESS, Master, will load here
 for the above Port, and will
 have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, October 21, 1887. 2049

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship
Rembran't,
 PAINE, Master, will load here
 for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
HONGKONG, December 9, 1887. 2307

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.
The A11, British Bark
Blacka day,
C. E. HORE, Master, will load
here for the above Ports, and
will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
HONGKONG, November 22, 1887. 2380

NOTICE

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed, that if you
bring your arrival in this Harbour, **NONE** of
the Company's POLICEMEN shall be at
hand. Orders for **REPAIRS** if sent to the
HARBOUR OFFICE, No. 41 Prince of Wales Street, will
receive prompt attention.
In the event of Complaints being found
necessary, a Police Officer will be sent to
be required to report, when immediately sent
will be taken to rectify the cause of the
dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIV.
Secretary.

HONGKONG, August 22, 1888. 2388

To-day's Advertisements

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship
Zafiro,
Captain TALOR, will
be dispatched for the above
Port on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant,
4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 13, 1887. 24

*In the Matter of the COMPANIE
ORDINANCES 1877 AND 1886;
And
In the Matter of the CHINA AND
MANILA STEAMSHIP
LIMITED.*

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order
of the Supreme Court of Hongkong
in ORIGINAL JURISDICTION, dated the 7th
DECEMBER, 1887, CONFIRMING the RES-
OLUTION OF THE COUNCIL of the above-
named Company, to pay \$500,000 to \$175,000
and the Minute (approved by the Coun-
cil) showing, with respect to the Capital of
the Company as altered, the several Particulars
required by the above Ordinances, as re-
gistered by the ACTING REGISTRAR
of Companies on the 26th DECEMBER, 1887,
And further TAKE NOTICE that the
said Minute is in the words and figures
following:-

'The Capital of the China and Man-
ila Steamship Company, Limited,
\$175,000 divided into 3,500 Shares
of \$50 each fully paid-up.'

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW
Shipping.
Daylight. — *Phra Chom Klao* leaves
Rangoon and Bangkok.
Daylight. — *Namoa* leaves for Coast Po-
noon. — *Glendal* leaves for London.
Meeting
5 p.m. — Meeting of Zealand Lodge.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Clemartyr* undelivered at
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
THURSDAY, December 14.
Noon. — Local Banks close.
Victoria Regatta.
Goods per *Lydia* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
FRIDAY, December 15.
Noon. — Local Banks close.
Victoria Regatta.
Goods per *Finisshire* undelivered at
this date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, December 17.
Nominations for Hongkong Derby, 1
close.
Goods per Steamer *Djemmal* undeliv-
ered after Noon subject to rent.
2 p.m. — Auction of Household Furni-
&c., at the residence of Capt. E.
Burns, No. 8, Cantonment Terrace.
Noon. — Auction of Spanish Barques
on Board.
Transfer Books of the Canton In-
terior Limited, closed from this
to 31st Instant, inclusive.
TUESDAY, December 20.
2 p.m. — Mr G. H. Japanese Curio,
F.R.P., Mr G. R. Lammer's.
FRIDAY, December 22.
11 a.m. — Meeting of the Hongkong
Level Tramways Co., Ltd., at No

sacrifice its reputation for healthfulness, because of the crochets of one or two officials, who sleek to perform their duties in their own time and in their own way? Is it right that, in the early weeks of the dry season, the Sanitary Board should have to be hindered by its inability to use the simplest means of clearing the drains or of trapping the sewers? Is it fair or reasonable that this serious question, which has been bottled up and played with for years, should still be haggled over in secret, and that the public should only now and again obtain a fleeting glimpse of the real course of inaction adopted?

To the good work that Mr Price has done to the Colony, we are as willing as any to bear testimony, but no man can adequately perform two distinct functions, one of which alone should demand a man's whole attention. The duties of Surveyor General and Sanitary Supervisor or engineer are clearly distinct, and we do not remember any other place where they have been combined. Mr Chadwick in 1887 wrote, "that either the Colonial Surgeon or the Surveyor General should be required to exercise the necessary personal supervision, is incompatible with their other duties." And yet we have been going on with this ruinous dual system for more than five years since then. The outcome of this we have pointed out over and over again. In August 1885, writing on the prevalence of Typhoid fever in Hongkong, we said:—

One of the most pressing necessities of Hongkong sanitation is without doubt the removal of the causes of the outbreak of typhoid, which has lately visited the upper terrace levels of the town. In spite of the

WOTTON & DEACON,

SHIPPING	
ARRIVALS.	
December 13, 1887. —	
Tamsui, British steamer, 919, S. Hughes; Shanghai December 9, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	
Zafra, British steamer, 675, R. M. G. bot, Malacca December 11, General BUTTERFIELD & CO.	
Soochow, British steamer, 1,060, J. Harris, Swatow December 12, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	
Comet, British steamer, 1,049, J. D. Swatow December 12, General. — HUNTER & CO.	
Chan Gran', British barque, 1,005, A. Moody, London July 26, Ballast. — OUN.	
Airie Fremantle, British barquentine, E. W. Knight, Shacks Bay October 3, Sandalwood. — JARDIN, MATHESON & CO.	
DEPARTURES.	
December 13. —	
Ozsu, for Europe.	
Chelyada, for Saigon.	
Adragy, for Bangkok.	
Mencaus, for Singapore and London.	
DISCHARGED.	
Dunthorst, for Holland and Singapore.	
Shuang, for Hainan and Peking.	
Triumph, for Yokoh.	
Nemco, for Canton and Fuzhou.	
Sydney, for Labuan.	
Tricks, for Bangkok.	
Camelot, for Singapore.	
Phra Chon Klao, for Swatow and Bangkok.	
PASSENGERS.	
ARRIVED.	
For Tamsui, from Shanghai, 1 Chinese.	
For Zafra, from Manila, 2 Europeans and 11 Chinese.	
For Soochow, from Swatow, 77 Chinese.	
For Comet, from Swatow, 509 Chinese for Straits Settlements.	
DEPARTED.	
For Ozsu, from Hongkong : for Saigon, Mr. and Mrs. Engler, 2 children and two Messrs Than Lay, Lee Woo, Whang Tso, 4 Chinese ; for Singapore, Messrs M. Berohart, B. D. Coleman, H. P. McK. L. Smith, and 3 Chinese ; for Marcellus, J. J. Francis, C. C. Messrs W. L. Hunt, W. Michaloff, Lieut. Hoisinger, and M. A. Marx. — For Shanghai : for Saigon, Mrs. Rand, and infants, Mr. Le Cal.	

WEDNESDAY, December 23.—
Noon.—Auction of British Steamer 2
on Board.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
LIMITED.

Christmas Confection
JUST RECEIVED
**CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS,
CHOCOLATE CREAMS,
BURNT ALMONDS, &c.**
Also,
ROSE WATER & OTHER ORACE
in great variety.

**NEW SEASON'S
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS**
including some
**CHROMOS OF SWISS AND HOME
SCENERY,**
Suitable for Framing.

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ALBUMS.**

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, December 12, 1887.

BIRTH.
On the 6th INSTANT, at the German
Missions, Manila, the Wife of Dr. O. F.
MULLERBORN, of a Son.

**THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ISSUE COMMENCES
AT 8.20 P.M.**

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13,

A SANITARY RETROSPECT
It is a strange and sad fact that the
bodies and especially Government Dis-
seminations are almost impervious to
and arguments, and will only move
some public calamity has stirred up
people against their mastery point
"How not to do it" Fully six years
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the insupportable condition of Hong-
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which have been said before, we deem it incumbent upon us to refresh the memory of those concerned on this important matter, and to remind the unofficial members that a graver subject than the expulsion of typic Chinese from the colony is the retention of this Colony could not be committed to their care. We pointed out in some previous remarks that, although the recommendations of Mr Osbert Chadwick as to sanitation had been duly sanctioned, the measures necessary for carrying these valuable suggestions into effect could only be accomplished if the Government decided to spread over probably ten years. The law of selection, therefore, applies in this matter, and those sections of the work which may the more easily fit in to the exigencies of the Public Works Department will possibly be the particular portions first selected for completion. We do not say this because it is the obvious thing, although what Mr Price entertains strong views on—certain course being adopted, it is more than likely that a different programme would have a poor chance of adoption. This is merely a natural consequence, and is not surprising.

And this is what has happened. We know we are only repeating what we have said, over and over again, but truths must be drilled into the ears of our officials before they will listen to them; and even after all has been said, they seem inclined to wait till 'the irresistible logic of a severe epidemic' has appealed to them. That it is the system rather than the men that is at fault we have all along maintained. What we said in July 1888 we can as readily repeat to-day.

The present Surveyor General (Mr J. M. Price), who may be described as the ablest head of the Public Works Department that Hongkong has yet had, assumed the duties of his office a little over thirteen years ago. During this period nearly half of the dwellings of the city have been constructed, and it is not difficult to see how follows that, if the drains connected with these dwellings had been constructed to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General, the report of Mr Chadwick—that almost every house in the city emergently required re-draining—would not have been worded so strongly as it undoubtedly was. It can only be a natural result, that the drains were not constructed to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General. It is perfectly well known that Mr Price is not as easily satisfied with hazy or doubtful workmanship; while the verdict of Mr Chadwick, a specialist of great eminence, as to the defects of house-drainage generally, must have been fatal to the retention of Mr Price in the Government service, had those

marines, and Mr. and Mrs. Chong Chai, for Singapore, Mr. MacBain, and Mr. MacKae Macneil, Mr. and Mrs. De Gardine.

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has been neglected. Each dry season came round filled the houses in the West or other districts with (fever) patients every year seems to bring us on the time when a severe epidemic will bring about a crisis. Meantime much has been wasted in the districts of backyards and other minor streets while but little has been done to the great source of all the trouble—the defective drainage of Hongkong. The pass through the Western district in the present moment without feeling a stretch—not to knock down an old soldiers—not only in the lower levels, densely-peopled slums, but near the of the European residents in the levels. Of course we are told, and been told for the last half dozen years still will be remedied when the Typhoon works are completed. But it do follow that nothing is to be done until a great event occurs, and that the people to be left to die till the Surveyor-General's plans are matured. More than a year we forcibly urged that much might be done at no great expense to remedy the waiting for the effective remedy shape of an adequate water supply. We wrote then in so entirely apologetic the present position that we cannot repeat it. In October 1886 we wrote:

“While we are ready to sympathize with the desire which calls for complete, near, completeness, and thorough everything—and not least in the sanitation—we now again state, we have over and over again to inform those concerned, that the public of Hong Kong fail to understand why they are plagued with sewage gas during the rainy season, and why the drainage system be reformed and the Franks made more useful than they can now funnel-covers or fever-traps.

“It is nothing to be done to cleanse the lowest steps of the grand stairway is about to be laid.” In every particular the special case of the monotonous answer putting of the to the vague future. Is the Co-

then, some difficulty must have stood in the way. Mr Price must have had the strongest reasons for not examining the powers vested in him by law. Otherwise, he alone would be responsible for the frightful defective condition of house-drains constructed during his tenure of office, and for all the awful consequences that have flowed therefrom.

The question of responsibility, however, can now be allowed to pass; but what we must continue to insist upon is that the system be radically changed. The drainage of Hongkong cannot, we know, be revolutionised in a day, but it is monstrous that officials should daily and play the work while disease is rampant on all sides and no few simple remedies might be applied.

TELEGRAMS.

(Via Southern Line.)

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

FRANCE.

LONDON, 11th December, 1887.

M. Goblet being unable to form a Ministry, M. Fallières is endeavouring to form a Ministry from among the Moderates.

[M. Fallières was Minister for the Interior (Home Affairs) in the Rouvier Cabinet (which has just resigned). He is a member of the group known *Republicains* and has been wounded with two or three of the short-lived French ministries. In 1881 he was Under-Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Public Worship in Ferry's Cabinet; and in 1882, when Ferry again came into power, he was appointed Minister of Education and Arts. He is a member of the Bar and is 46 years of age.—E. C. U. M.]

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IS ANNOUNCED in the Paris Figaro, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and premature decay. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; he saved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Rev. Joseph Holmes, of Bloomsbury, Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the discovery, free of charge, to all who send him a receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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